IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael R. Oldenburg

Serial No.: Not Known Yet

Filing Date: Herewith

Title: RETROFITTALBE SEVERE DUTY SEAL FOR A SHAFT

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Immediately the heading "Related Applications" and before the heading "Technical Filed" please insert the following sentences:

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Applicant: Transcom, Inc. Serial No.: Not Yet Known Filing Date: Herewith

Title: Retrofittable Severe Duty Seal For A Shaft

- - This Application is a Continuation-In-Part of

-U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/690,524, filed October 17, 2000, entitled "Retrofittable Severe Duty Seal For A Shaft" to Michael R. Oldenburg, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,186,507, filed September 25, 1997, issued February 13, 2001, entitled "Retrofittable Severe Duty Seal For A Shaft", to Michael R. Oldenburg; and

-U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/618, 619, filed July, 18, 2000, entitled "Method for Using a Flangeless Retrofittable Severe Duty Seal For A Shaft" to Michael R. Oldenburg, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/401,570, filed September 21, 1999, entitled "Flangeless Retrofittable Severe Duty Seal For A Shaft" to Michael R. Oldenburg, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent No. 6,186,507, filed September 25, 1997, issued February 13, 2001, entitled "Retrofittable Severe Duty Seal For A Shaft", to Michael R. Oldenburg, all of the above which are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety. - -

Remarks

The above amendment has been made to place the application in better condition for examination and to clarify the priority claim.

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The Office is authorized hereby to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account 04-1420.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to expedite allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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